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To: All Washington and Field Officials

From: Director, National Science and Technology Center

Subject: Fiscal Year 2003 Joint Fire Science Announcement for Proposals

The Joint Fire Science Governing Board released its Fiscal Year 2003 Announcement for Proposals (AFP) (formerly called Request for Proposals) on October 15, 2002. There are four separate AFPs with several tasks for each one. AFP 2003-1 includes four task statements on interactions between climate and fire regimes; effectiveness of collaborative planning efforts; community health and ecosystem impacts from smoke; and emergency stabilization, rehabilitation, and restoration. AFP 2003-2 includes three task statements on "rapid response" projects. AFP 2003-3 includes task statements on demonstration sites, administrative studies, and local projects. AFP 2003-4 contains two task statements on developing information dissemination and decision support systems on integrated technology transfer tools. AFPs 2003-1, 2003-3, and 2003-4 must be received no later than January 6, 2003. AFP2003-2, task 3, has two deadlines for submission; the first being November 15, 2002, and the second being January 6, 2003. The other tasks under AFP 2003-2 must be submitted by January 6, 2003.

State and Field Offices are encouraged to specifically review AFP 2003-3 which focuses on demonstration sites, administrative studies, and local projects. This AFP provides managers an opportunity to partner with scientists to address many management questions that require study to aid in decision making.

Copies of the AFPs are attached to this information bulletin. Additional information relating to the Joint Fire Science Program can be found at http://www.nifc.gov/joint_fire_sci/jointfiresci.html. If there are any questions regarding

the AFPs, please contact Lee Barkow who serves as the Bureau's Joint Fire Science Governing Board member. He can be reached at 303-236-1142 or by email at lee_barkow@blm.gov.

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4 Attachments

- 1 – AFP 2003-1 (12 pp)
- 2 – AFP 2003-2 (12 pp)
- 3 – AFP 2003-3 (10 pp)
- 4 – AFP 2003-4 (9 pp)

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